

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please add the new claims as shown below:

7.(New) An adjustable joint unit as described in claim 1, wherein:

said crimped portion is formed by a crimping process, which is conducted by rolling rotatable rollers along said inner rim of said mounting opening portion of said socket portion.

8. (New) An adjustable joint unit as described in claim 2, wherein:

said crimped portion is formed by a crimping process, which is conducted by rolling rotatable rollers along said inner rim of said mounting opening portion of said socket portion.

9.(New) A method of producing an adjustable joint unit as described in claim 4, wherein:

said crimping portion is formed by a crimping process, that calls for rolling rotatable rollers along said inner rim of said mounting opening portion of said socket portion.

10. (New) A method of producing an adjustable joint unit as described in claim 5, wherein:

said crimping portion is formed by a crimping process, that calls for rolling rotatable rollers along said inner rim of said mounting opening portion of said socket portion